

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed September 27, 2005. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-17 and 19-25 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-17 and 19-25 were rejected.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-17 and 19-25 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent 6,718,861 ("861 Patent"). Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321 to overcome these rejections. The '861 Patent and instant patent application are commonly owned by Southwest Research Institute, Alliant TechSystems, Inc., and Dennis L. Orphal. Applicants also submit a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer filing fee.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims.

Applicants enclose a Petition for Two Month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$450.00 for the extension fee. Applicants believe there are no additional fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2634.

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